Regional I.T. Training Centres

2507. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a regional I.T. Training Centre in the U.S.A., and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of countries wherein such centres have been established alongwith the purposes thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Opening of new Post Offices in Gujarat

2508. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state the details of new Post Offices proposed to be opened in Gujarat during the current financial year, location-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): The opening of post offices is an ongoing process Post Offices are opened, subject to fulfilling of pupulation distance and income norms, subject to availability of resources. During the 10th plan new post offices are required to be opened through redeployment of existing manpower resources. The network is also required to be simultaneously rationalised. Therefore new post offices are opened by redeployment of existing manpower and by relocating existing post offices that do not fulfill distance norms.

C.V.C. probe into construction by MTNL

2509. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an enquiry through the Central Vigilance Commission has been set-up to probe the expenditure incurred for the Training Centre and for the Hostel constructed by the authority of MTNL;